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Dear Friend,

These past few weeks we have witnessed the unfolding of tragic historical events. First, we heard in shocked horror that one of our own Army officers opened fire on his fellow service members at Fort Hood in Texas. Not only was this the worst mass shooting on a U.S. military base in history, but I believe there is increasing evidence that this is the worst terrorist attack on our soil since September 11, 2001.

Then history was made again when Attorney General Eric Holder announced the Administration's plans to move terrorists standing trial before military tribunals in Guantanamo Bay to civilian court in New York City. The terrorists to be moved to New York City and afforded all the constitutional rights granted to citizens and our nation's visitors include none other than Khalid Sheikh Mohammed – alleged mastermind of the plot to murder over 3,000 innocent civilians with hijacked planes and the murderer of journalist Daniel Pearl. In questioning before the United States Senate, Attorney General Holder could cite no previous example of an enemy combatant caught on a battlefield being tried in civilian court.

Much of our attention recently has been rightly focused on the economy and job creation. But these two historic events remind us that we are still waging a war and cannot put international or domestic terrorism on the back burner. In light of these events, please take a moment to give me your perspective on the ongoing war on jihadism and what action Congress should take by answering the below survey.

I appreciate you taking the time to let me know your thoughts and insights.

Sincerely,

Daniel E. Lungren
Member of Congress

What legal process should terrorist enemy combatants face?

- ☐ Military tribunals
- ☐ Civilian court
- ☐ International Criminal Court at the Hague
- ☐ Other

☐ Unsure

Since the President wants to close the detention facility at Guantanamo Bay by January 1, 2010, what should happen to the enemy combatants held there?

- ☐ Released to their own countries
- ☐ Sent to third-party countries
- ☐ Face criminal prosecution within the U.S.
- ☐ Stay in Guantanamo Bay and stand trial before military tribunals
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Unsure

What action should Congress take in response to the decision to prosecute terrorist enemy combatants in American civilian court?

- ☐ Cut off funding for the transfer of detainees to the U.S.
- ☐ Eliminate the jurisdiction of civilian courts to try these cases under Article III Section 2 of the Constitution
- ☐ Pass legislation requiring enemy combatants to be tried exclusively in military tribunals
- ☐ Nothing
- ☐ Unsure
- ☐ Other

Bringing terrorist enemy combatants to the U.S. to stand trial in civilian court will (choose multiple)

- ☐ show the world the strength of American democracy
- ☐ make a mockery of the American justice system
- ☐ jeopardize intelligence gathering efforts
- ☐ give a platform to terrorists seeking to recruit new followers
- ☐ deny a recruiting tool to terrorists
- ☐ reopen the wounds of the victims of terrorist attacks
- ☐ bring closure to victims seeking justice
- ☐ Other

Do you think the attack at Fort Hood was an act of terrorism?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure

With certain provisions of the PATRIOT Act set to expire, what should Congress do?

- ☐ Reauthorize the provisions
- ☐ Allow the provisions to lapse
- ☐ Unsure

Any other comments?

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